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My action research plan components include:

**Question**-How can Sundown I.S.D. create more parent participation in its student’s education, especially among Hispanic families?

**Context/Setting of Study**-The study will be conducted over the entire district, at the off-campus site for adult/ESL education, and within the context of family homes where teacher home visits will be done.

**Target Population**-The target population for this study will be Hispanic parents whose children attend Sundown I.S.D. schools and who have not shown a previous interest in getting involved in their child’s education.

**Sample Selection**:The sample selection will be those families whose children are struggling academically and who may want to pursue getting their GED or learning to speak English in order to better themselves as well as their children’s education.

**Rationale for Sample Size**:The sample size will be directly related to the willingness of parent’s to participate in the project, which at this point is unknown.

**Conducting Research**-The research will be conducted by keeping records of attendance rates at parent suppers, by collecting and analyzing parent evaluations of guest speakers, by keeping records on the progress of the parents’ progress in adult education/ESL classes, and by collecting and analyzing teacher reflections recorded after a home visit.Researching possible solutions through internet searches, and through weblogs will also be conducted.These data collection strategies are based on those cited in the book *Leading With Passion and Knowledge* by Nancy Dana.

Dana, N. (2009). *Leading with passion and knowledge: the principal as action researcher.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

**Responses:**

Jack- this is a great topic to study. Part of the Hispanic culture is to respect authority and listen to what the "experts" say. A lot of times this gets translated into Hispanic parents not feeling that they are a part of the team- out of respect for the teacher. Finding more ways to get them involved in their child's education will help these parents realize that they actually do play a critical role in the education of their child.

Jack you have a great topic. This was one of the three topics that my principal and I reviewed before I chose my action research topic. I am at a school with 90% hispanics and we have a problem with parental involvement. I will definitely be interested in your research topic. I would love to know what would get the parents interested in becoming involved in their children's education and participation in their school activities.

I am interested in seeing the outcome of this study. My school has a large Hispanic community and parent involvement is very minimal. I think that most of the times it is because parents speak very limited English and they work a lot. Also, teachers have a hard time communicating because they speak very limited Spanish. Nevertheless, parent involvement still must be increased in order to meet the needs and success of the children.